

## Message Text

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SUBJ: NASA

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1. AT FRENCH BASTILLE DAY RECEPTION, JULY 14, PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT GEORGES SOLOFOSON SAID THAT HE WANTED TO SEE ME TO DISCUSS "OUR FAVORITE SUBJECT". THIS OF COURSE MEANS NASA AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HE HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO SEEK A MEETING WITH ME ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE MY YEAR AND A HALF HERE.

2. POSSIBLY IT IS ONLY THE PASSAGE OF TIME SINCE OUR LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER THAT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS SIGN OF MALAGASY INTEREST. HOWEVER, IT MAY ALSO RESULT FROM A MALAGASY DESIRE TO MAKE A GESTURE TOWARDS US AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S MOSCOW TRIP (REF B). IT IS OF COURSE ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SOLOFOSON MIGHT JUST WANT TO OBJECT TO MY MENTIONING THE SUBJECT IN MY JULY 4TH INTERVIEW WITH MADAGASCAR MATIN (REF C).

3. I THEREFORE EXPECT TO BE HEARING FROM SOLOFOSON SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM KHARTOUM WHERE HE HAS ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO ME IF AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING I CAN BE IN POSSESSION OF THE LIST OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT  
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WHICH NASA IS WILLING TO LEAVE TO MADAGASCAR IN CASE OF A SETTLEMENT (REF A).BARRETT

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